

By W. H. Anderson

H.B. No. 792

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to speech and hearing therapists employed by school districts and to licensing in speech language pathology and audiology.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 16.056(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Each person employed in the public schools of this state who is an educational aide, teacher trainee, or nondegree teacher or who is assigned to a position classified under the Texas Public Education Compensation Plan must be certified according to the certification requirements or standards for each position as established by rule adopted by the State Board of Education. However, additional certification may not be required of a person holding a valid state license as a speech language pathologist or audiologist. A person holding a valid state license as a speech language pathologist or audiologist or a person certified in speech and hearing therapy in accordance with board rule may be employed by a district to provide speech and hearing therapy services whether the services are provided as instructional or related services [~~Persons-ether-than-these-holding-such-a-license-may-only be-employed-to-render--such--services--if--an--acceptable--licensed applicant-is-not-available~~].

SECTION 2. Section 13(a), Chapter 381, Acts of the 68th

1 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 4512j, Vernon's Texas
2 Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The committee on request must waive educational,
4 professional experience, and examination requirements for licensure
5 in speech-language pathology for applicants who hold a
6 baccalaureate or graduate degree, are fully certified by the
7 Central Education Agency in speech and hearing therapy or in the
8 judgment of the committee have met equivalent requirements, and
9 within the period beginning September 1, 1981, and ending September
10 1, 1985, [two-years-prior-to-the-effective-date-of-this--Act] were
11 engaged in the practice of speech pathology on proof of bona fide
12 practice of speech pathology, presented to the committee in the
13 manner prescribed by the committee's rules, provided they file an
14 application for licensure with the committee or the board of health
15 before August 31, 1986 [1984]. Such licenses shall be issued
16 without delay and shall be renewed in the same manner as licenses
17 granted under other provisions of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
19 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
20 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
21 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
22 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
23 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
24 passage, and it is so enacted.

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FEB 11 1985

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

FEB 25 1985

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

Public Education

3. Reported favorably (as amended) (as substituted) and sent to Printer at _____

4. Printed and distributed at _____

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting.

9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. _____ was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

12. Ordered Engrossed at _____

13. Engrossed.

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

15. Sent to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

16. Received from the House

17. Read, referred to Committee on _____

18. Reported favorably

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

20. Ordered not printed.

21. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) (_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules
suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION: OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

_____ 27. Returned to the House.

_____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments)
(Substitute) by a (Non-Record
Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 32. Ordered Enrolled at _____